

# Calculating the Volumetric Flow Rate for each of the Channels in Alluminum Plates

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From the principle of continuity, we know that all the volumetric flow rates have to add up to 50 gpm (0.00315450982 m<sup>3</sup>/ sec)

$$\dot{V}_1 + \dot{V}_2 + \dot{V}_3 + \dot{V}_4 + \dot{V}_5 + \dot{V}_6 + \dot{V}_7 + \dot{V}_8 + \dot{V}_9 + \dot{V}_{10} + \dot{V}_{11} + \dot{V}_{12} + \dot{V}_{13} + \dot{V}_{14} + \dot{V}_{15} + \dot{V}_{16} = 0.00315450982$$

Additionally, all the pressure drops have to be the same ( $P = \Delta P$ ).

$$P_1 = P_2 = \dots = P_{16}$$

There is a way to relate volumetric flow rate with pressure drop, after going through several equations.

$$\dot{V} = b * A \quad (b \text{ is for velocity, } V \text{ for volumetric flow rate})$$

$$A = (3.1416 * d^2) / 4$$

$$R_e = d * b * p / u$$

$$f = (-1.8(\log(6.9/R_e + ((E/d)/3.7)^{1.11})))^{-2}$$

$H_L = f * (b^2/(2g)) * (L_p/d + 60n)$  --- n is the number of miter bends, 6 for plates 2 and 8, and 8 for the others.

$$P = H_L * p * g$$

Constants (all values in standard SI units)

$$d = 0.01905$$

$$p = 993.05$$

$$u = 695 * 10^{-6}$$

$E_1 = 0.00005$  For alluminum pipe

$E_2 = 0.00007$  For channels inside the alluminum plates

$$g = 9.81$$

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l's in small caps are the lenghts of the channels. Big L's are the lenghts of the pipes.

$$l_1 = 4.3688$$

$$l_2 = 4.064$$

$$l_3 = 4.1402$$

$$l_4 = 3.8354$$

$$l_5 = 4.1402$$

$$l_6 = 3.8354$$

$$l_7 = 4.1402$$

$$l_8 = 3.8354$$

$$l_9 = 4.1402$$

$$l_{10} = 3.8354$$

$$l_{11} = 4.1402$$

$$l_{12} = 3.8354$$

$$l_{13} = 4.1402$$

$$l_{14} = 3.8354$$

$$l_{15} = 4.1402$$

$$l_{16} = 3.8354$$

$$L_1 = 9.9568$$

$$L_2 = 9.9568$$

$$L_3 = 9.271$$

$$L_4 = 9.271$$

$$L_5 = 8.5852$$

$$L_6 = 8.5852$$

$$L_7 = 7.8994$$

$$L_8 = 7.8994$$

$$L_9 = 7.2136$$

$$L_{10} = 7.2136$$

$$L_{11} = 6.5278$$

$$L_{12} = 6.5278$$

$$L_{13} = 5.842$$

$$L_{14} = 5.842$$

$$L_{15} = 5.1562$$

$$L_{16} = 5.1562$$

$$n_1 = 8$$

$$n_2 = 8$$

$$n_3 = 6$$

$$n_4 = 6$$

$$n_5 = 8$$

$$n_6 = 8$$

$$n_7 = 8$$

$$n_8 = 8$$

$$n_9 = 8$$

$$n_{10} = 8$$

$$n_{11} = 8$$

$$n_{12} = 8$$

$$n_{13} = 8$$

$$n_{14} = 8$$

$$n_{15} = 6$$

$$n_{16} = 6$$

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Combining equations we get.

$$\begin{aligned} P &= ((\dot{V}/(2.850236 \times 10^{-4}))^2/(2g)) * (((-1.8(\log(6.9/(d * (\dot{V}/(2.850236 \times 10^{-4})) * p/u) + ((E_1/d)/3.7)^{1.11})))^{-2})(L/d) + ((-1.8(\log(6.9/(d * (\dot{V}/(2.850236 \times 10^{-4})) * p/u) + ((E_2/d)/3.7)^{1.11})))^{-2}) * (l/d + 60n)) * p * g = \frac{\left(\frac{V}{(2.850236 \times 10^{-4})}\right)^2}{2g} * \rho \\ &\quad \left( \left( \left( -1.8 \left( \log \left( \frac{6.9}{d * \frac{\dot{V}}{(2.850236 \times 10^{-4})} * \frac{p}{u}} + \left( \frac{E_1}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} \right) \right) \right)^{-2} \right) \frac{L}{d} + \left( \left( -1.8 \left( \log \left( \frac{6.9}{d * \frac{\dot{V}}{(2.850236 \times 10^{-4})} * \frac{p}{u}} + \left( \frac{E_2}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} \right) \right) \right)^{-2} \right) \frac{l}{d} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Unfortunately, Maple can not solve for V in this equation. It will have to be solved with Excel.